

# Wendy Ginsberg, Ph.D.

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**Research:** Congressional Oversight, Federal Inspectors General, Executive Branch Operations, Federal Workforce and Civil Service Reform, Cybersecurity Workforce, Information Technology Modernization, Federal Government Reorganizations, Vacancies Act, Federal Appointments, Freedom of Information Act, Federal Records Act, Presidential Libraries, Presidential Records Act, Regulatory Procedure, Transparency in Federal Government

**Education:** **University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Ph.D. (February 2011)

Fields: American and Comparative Political Science

**University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, M.A., Political Science (May 2004)

**Rutgers University**, New Brunswick, New Jersey, B.A., high honors, Political Science (May 2000)

## Professional Highlights:

- Led a series of hearings on the importance of the independence and operations of the federal inspectors general, including leading the April 15, 2021 hearing on Restoring the Independence of Inspectors General and the drafting of the IG Independence and Empowerment Act
- Led series of hearings and legislative actions for the Committee on Oversight and Reform that prevented the abolition of the Office of Personnel Management
- Secured \$1 billion for the Technology Modernization Fund, to catalyze transformative IT modernization across the federal government
- Fought to ensure the U.S. Postal Service received funding and support throughout the global pandemic
- Conducted oversight to ensure the health and safety of this nation's 2.5 million federal workers as they made choices about keeping or returning employees to federal offices during the coronavirus pandemic
- Testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on federal inspectors general and their use of technology in agency oversight, November 19, 2013
- Contributed an article to the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration committee print on *The Evolving Congress* which examined changes in Congress over the past 100 years, December 2014
- Published article *Executive Branch Lobbying and Federal Advisory Committees*, Summer 2015 issue of peer reviewed journal *Presidential Studies Quarterly*

**Experience:** **House Committee on Oversight and Reform** **Washington, DC**  
Staff Director, Subcommittee on Government Operations, April 2019-Present.

- Lead and supervise a team to serve the priorities of Subcommittee Chairman Gerald E. Connolly
- Lead on more than 35 hearings to help shape the public narrative on issues of national scope and concern
- Draft bills and work toward their enactment, including legislation to improve federal information technology modernization, protect the federal workforce during a pandemic, and bolster the independence of federal inspectors general
- Work with scores of stakeholders to support hearings, legislation, and other oversight initiatives, including improving the U.S. Postal Service, which generates \$70.6 billion per year and delivers mail and essentials to every U.S. home every day

**University of Colorado Boulder,** **Washington, DC**  
Adjunct Professor, CU in DC Program, Spring 2014-Present.

- Teach and administer Professional Life in DC, an undergraduate course that introduces students to career paths in DC via lectures and speakers

**The Partnership for Public Service**

**Washington, DC**

Senior Program Manager, May 2017-April 2019,

Leadership

- Led and supervised a team of 10 researchers generating a variety of nonpartisan data and analytics projects of national scope that influence policymakers, lawmakers, and other stakeholders
- Managed high-profile \$150,000 multipronged initiative that included nationally recognized experts and more than 500 participants from across the federal government
- Administered staff and budget on Seize the Data initiative
- Drafted business development proposals for collaborative efforts between the Partnership for Public Service and federal agencies

Research

- Lead research on the demographic composition of the federal workforce
- Authored content for collaboration with corporate partners on innovation in government
- Coached and facilitated discussions with C-suite federal leaders on how to improve government operations
- Pioneered new methodology for examining the effects of government shutdowns on federal agencies

**University of Pennsylvania in Washington,**

**Washington, DC**

Adjunct Professor, Penn in Washington Program, Spring 2019,

- Taught and administered Domestic Public Policy, an undergraduate course that introduces students to DC practitioners and public policy theory via lectures and speakers

**Congressional Research Service**

**Washington, DC**

Analyst in American National Government, November 2007-May 2017,

- Served as the national expert on the administration and operations of federal advisory committees and offices of inspectors general
- Briefed Members of Congress and staff on policy and legislative issues
- Wrote hundreds of confidential memoranda for congressional clients on complex policy topics, including administrative procedure, stakeholder engagement, and presidential power
- Authored authoritative reports on policy issues of interest to Congress that include new policy options to improve federal government operations
- Helped Congress engage the inspector general community on the creation of Oversight.gov

**Little Scholars Child Development Center**

**Washington, DC**

Board of Directors President, Fall 2013-Fall 2015, Volunteer

- Served as the head of the non-profit organization that served 70 children, had 35 staff, and held a \$1.5 million budget
- Led daycare facility security improvement initiative that involved coordination among Library of Congress officials and U.S. Capitol Police, parents, employees, and community neighbors
- Overhauled the center's public relations presence, creating a new website, Twitter account, other social media platforms
- Directed management on workforce decisions, including hiring and termination of staff

**University of Pennsylvania**

**Philadelphia, PA**

Teaching Assistant: Various Political Science Courses; Fall 2003-Fall 2005

**Index on Censorship**

**London, England**

Reporter/Copy Editor, Summer 2005

- Reported and wrote research articles for the online and print versions; One article became a book chapter

- Edited copy for print editions

**The New York Times**

**Trenton, NJ**

Stringer, Trenton Bureau; June 1998-2004

- Pitched, reported, and wrote enterprise stories for the New York Times Metro Section and the weekly New Jersey section on local and state government
- Assisted Metro reporters with legwork, reporting, and research
- Covered news conferences, legislative hearings, and other State House events

**The Philadelphia Inquirer**

**Cherry Hill, NJ**

Correspondent, Cherry Hill Bureau; June 2000–March 2002

- Pitched, reported, and wrote stories for all sections of the newspaper
- Wrote well-researched series pieces that investigated graft, trends, or enterprise within city and local governments

## **Short Biography**

**Dr. Wendy Ginsberg** is the Staff Director on the Government Operations Subcommittee on the House Committee on Oversight and Reform. Wendy leads a talented team in drafting legislation, holding hearings, and performing various oversight duties related to the effective functioning of the executive branch. Wendy also currently serves as an adjunct professor for the University of Colorado's CU in D.C. program.

Prior to joining the committee in March 2019, Wendy was Senior Program Manager at the Partnership for Public Service, a nonprofit organization that seeks to make government more effective. Wendy also served as an analyst at the Congressional Research Service at the Library of Congress for nearly 10 years, covering issues associated with federal inspectors general, the cybersecurity workforce, and the design and operation of federal advisory committees. She was a reporter for the New York Times, the Philadelphia Inquirer, and the Morris County Daily Record in New Jersey. Wendy has a B.A. in political science from Rutgers University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from the University of Pennsylvania. Wendy has also taught public policy classes for the University of Pennsylvania's Penn in Washington program. She is married to a fellow New Jerseyan with whom she raises her daughter, who is not from New Jersey.